From: Hill, Debra
To: Oetker, Susan
Cc: Shawn Sartorius
Subject: Re: status of final listing decision for Texas hornshell mussel
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 8:30:42 AM
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I will simply let her know that the comments were received and will be included in our final decision.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 8:27 AM, Oetker, Susan <susan_oetker@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hey Deb-
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> Yes, we received those comments from them, and they (and several others) requested a 6 month extension. We deal with that in the response to comments in the final rule, as well as the lack of information in Mexico since the 1980s, and the CCAAs not precluding listing.
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> Do you want to chat about your response? You can't really tell them anything concrete right now, just maybe say we expect a decision soon, and their comments are being considered.
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> Susan
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> On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 10:19 AM, Hill, Debra <debra_hill@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> I received this from the State Land Office. I had not seen the comments they sent in- did they request an extension in their comments? I won't reply until we can chat.
>> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
>> From: **Henne, Lisa** <lhenne@slo.state.nm.us>
>> Date: Wed, Jul 26, 2017 at 4:27 PM
>> Subject: status of final listing decision for Texas hornshell mussel
>> To: "Hill, Debra" <debra_hill@fws.gov>
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>> Hi Deb,
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>> Do you have any updates you can share regarding the final decision for listing Texas hornshell mussel? In case you haven't seen it, I am attaching the comment letter the Commissioner submitted for the proposed listing.

The Commissioner requests that at a minimum, the final decision be postponed for 6 months to allow time for the Service to consider the best available scientific information with respect to the hornshell populations in Mexico, which represents the majority of the species' historical range. It does not appear that the Service has made any attempt whatsoever to evaluate readily available data that could provide a scientific basis for assumptions about the status of the populations in Mexican rivers. In addition to the Mexican populations having a completely different climate, terrain, and land use patterns, there are two UNESCO biosphere reserves located right in the species' core habitat area in Mexico that are likely to be collecting data on or implementing conservation efforts to benefit the species. The Commissioner is also concerned about the lack of consideration for the Candidate Conservation Agreements that are being finalized to benefit the species in New Mexico and Texas.

I appreciate any updates you can provide.

Regards, Lisa

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